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SUBJECT: STATEMENT BY ENVOY OF GRENADA PRIME
MINISTER SUPPORTING PANAMA CANAL TREATIES

1. ON FEB 23, GRENADIAN AMB-AT-LARGE WELLINGTON
FRIDAY GAVE A PRESS BRIEFING ON BEHALF OF PRIME MINISTER
GAIRY SUPPORTING RATIFICATION OF THE PANAMA CANAL
TREATIES.

2. SPEAKING FOR THE PRIME MINISTER, FRIDAY:
-- DESCRIBED U.S. OFFICIALS IN LAUDATORY
TERMS

-- NOTED SUPPORT FOR PANAMANIAN ASPIRATIONS
AT THE 7TH OASGA, SUPPORT FOR THE SPIRIT
OF MUTUAL ACCOMMODATION DISPLAYED AT
THE SIGNING CEREMONY IN WASHINGTON,
ENTHUSIASM FOR THE TREATIES IN THE
U.S. AND THE "GREAT LOVE AND ADMIRATION
IN WHICH THE PRESIDENT AND THE PEOPLE
OF THE U.S. ARE HELD BY ALL GOVERN-
MENTS AND PEOPLES OF LATIN AMERICA AND
THE CARIBBEAN."

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-- PRAISED THE U.S. COMMITMENT "TO ALLEVIATE
THE PERENNIAL PROBLEMS THAT BESET ITS
NEIGHBORS AND TO ENHANCING THE QUALITY
OF LIFE FOR ALL PEOPLES OF THE AMERICAS."

3. FRIDAY SAID "IT IS AGAINST THIS BACKGROUND OF MUTUAL

LOVE AND RESPECT SHARED BY THE UNITED STATES AND GRENADA--
THE GREATEST AND THE SMALLEST RESPECTIVELY, WITHIN THE
ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES COMMUNITY -- THAT SIR
ERIC OFFERS FULL SUPPORT TO EFFORTS AIMED AT RATIFYING
THE TREATIES BY THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS, PREFERABLY
IN ITS ORIGINAL FORM. THE PRIME MINISTER IS OF THE
VIEW THAT ANY FAILURE ON THE PART OF THE UNITED STATES
CONGRESS TO RATIFY THE TREATIES IN THE FORM ORIGINALLY
PROPOSED MIGHT TEND TO SHAKE THE CONFIDENCE AND ESTEEM
OF THE AMERICAS - THAT LOVE, THAT CONFIDENCE, THAT
ESTEEM WHICH WAS DEMONSTRATED BY THE
SPONTANEOUS AND OVERWHELMING ACCEPTANCE OF THE
INVITATIONS TO ATTEND THE SIGNING CEREMONY LAST
SEPTEMBER BY ALL NATIONS OF THE HEMISPHERE."

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